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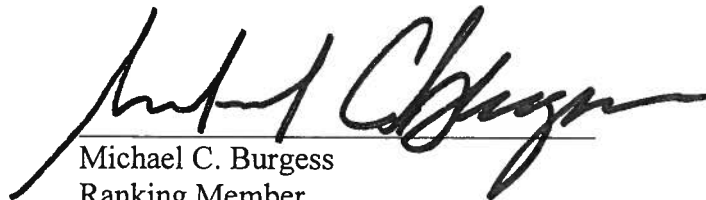
Mr. Gene Dodaro
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

Pursuant to a May 11, 2010, request by Senator Tom Carper in connection with the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) commenced a review of the oil spill liability trust fund this past summer. I understand that the GAO work for the Senator and co-requesters will identify and analyze the financial risks and exposures to the liability fund and include a review of federal monitoring and oversight efforts over the responsible parties for the spill, including the payment of claims by BP.

In light of the important work and its connection to oil-spill oversight work that I oversee on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, this letter is to respectfully request that I be added as a co-requester on this study. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please have your staff contact Minority Committee staff at (202) 225-3641 to provide a progress report and to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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